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SUBJECT: NEP/IRS FOCAL POINT MEETINGS

REFERENCES: NAIROBI 7058, 7059

1. INFORM MOLLENHAUER AND MORSE THAT EPA CONCURS WITH UNEP PROPOSAL FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE FOCAL POINT MEETING IN ADDITION TO PLANNED MEXICAN SESSION.

2. SINCE PROMOTIONAL SEMINAR NOT REQUIRED FOR OPERATING FOCAL POINTS, SUGGEST MEETING BE HELD GENEVA TO PERMIT IMMEDIATE INPUT TO UN COMPUTER.

3. EPA PREPARED TO SUPPLY COMPUTER TAPE OF SOURCES REGISTERED BY OCTOBER. INPUT BY 3-4 ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES COULD: (1) COMMENCE IRS OPERATIONAL PHASE, (2) DEMONSTRATE INPUT PROCEDURES AND REFERRAL SYSTEM TO OTHER PARTICIPATING FOCAL POINTS, (3) PRODUCE DIRECTORY FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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MEXICAN SEMINAR TO ILLUSTRATE IRS OPERATIONS AND SCOPE OF

REFERRAL SERVICES.

4. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR GENEVA MEETING:

A. NATIONAL FOCAL POINT MANAGEMENT

- STATUS REPORTS BY OPERATING FOCAL POINTS
- REVIEW OF FOCAL POINT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES
- PLANS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF FOCAL POINT NETWORK

B. IRS INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY

- COMPUTER INPUT OF AVAILABLE IRS SOURCES
- TIMETABLE AND PROCEDURES FOR ADDITIONAL INPUT
- PLANS FOR UP-DATING AND DISTRIBUTION OF INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY

C. IRS REFERRAL SERVICES

- DEVELOPMENT OF FINAL GUIDELINES (USER GROUPS, COSTS, CENTRAL UNIT AND FOCAL POINT NETWORK ROLES, PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTS, REFERRAL, RESPONSE)
- PLANS FOR FURTHER PROMOTION OF IRS REFERRAL SERVICES AMONG MEMBER STATES
- PLANS FOR IRS REFERRAL SERVICES TO SUPPORT UNEP AND OTHER UN OPERATING PROGRAMS (WORLD BANK, WHO, FAO, ETC.)

D. EVALUATION PLAN

(SUGGEST SWEDEN BE INVITED TO DESIGN IRS USER EVALUATION PLAN)

E. FUTURE PLANS

- MEETINGS OF FOCAL POINT MANAGERS
 - TRAINING
 - COMMUNICATION CHANNELS AMONG FOCAL POINTS AND WITH CENTRAL UNIT
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- DEVELOPMENT OF "MODELS" (DISCUSSED NAIROBI, JANUARY, 1975 MEETING). MAW

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